

Preliminary Amendment and Response

Please cancel claims 4, 14, 18-33, 39 and 46-66 without prejudice. Please enter the following amendments which, being entered prior to examination on the merits, are made to clarify the nature of the invention claimed and are, at the present stage of examination, unrelated to substantive issues of patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP

Dated: May 8, 2003

By: 

Kurt T. Mulville
Reg. No. 37,194

KTM/lf
4 Park Plaza, Suite 1600
Irvine, CA 92614
949/567-6700 X 7740 Telephone
949/567-6710 Facsimile